

**REMARKS**

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 15, 2003, and the Advisory Action dated October 14, 2003. In the Advisory Action, it was noted that claims 2-6 and 16-24 were allowable and that claims 7-15 were still rejected.

In this Response, Claims 7-15 have been canceled without prejudice, and Applicants reserve the right to file a Continuation application on these claims.

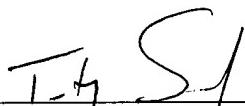
A Petition for a two-month extension of time is submitted with this Response, along with the fee of \$420. It is believed that no further fees are due with this Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to deposit account number 13-2725.

In light of the above remarks and amendments, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. Should any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attempt to resolve those issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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